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1. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO TRINIDAD JORGE NAVARRETE (BASED IN CARACAS) VISITED TRINIDAD AUGUST 20-22 AND MET WITH PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS. HE LATER TOLD THE PRESS THAT DR. WILLIAMS HAD EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR A MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A LATIN AMERICAN-CARIBBEN ORGANIZATION FOR CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, A TOPIC WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED AT A LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEN SUMMIT MEETING NEXT YEAR.

2. NAVARRETE ALSO MET WITH THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND OFFICIALS OF THE GOTT'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURES OR AREAS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION. HE TOLD THE PRESS THAT MEXICO CAN OFFER SUCH COOPERATION IN THE PETROCHEMICAL, STEEL, GLASS AND ALUMINUM INDUSTRIES, ALL OF WHICH ARE AREAS
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OF HIGH CURRENT INTEREST BY THE GOTT.

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3. COMMENT: MAVARRETE PRESUMABLY DISCUSSED THESE MATTERS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) SIGNED JULY 30 IN KINGSTON. THAT AGREEMENT SET UP A JOINT COMMISSION TO WORK OUT PROGRESS FOR CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CARICOM NATIONS AND MEXICO. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ANY PLANS FOR A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRINIDAD AND MEXICO, PERHAPS IN VIEW OF SOME CRITICISM EXPRESSED HERE THAT THE JAMAICAN BILATERAL WITH MEXICO IS SUPERFLUOUS IN VIEW OF THE CARICOM AGREEMENT CONCLUDED AT THE SAME TIME.
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